WHEREAS, On April 24, 1974, South Dakota will again observe Arbor Day; and,

WHEREAS, By Act of Legislature in 1974, South Dakota commemorates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April; and,

WHEREAS, Tree planting is truly an investment in the future--the future of our people, and the future of our State, it seems appropriate that we pause and reflect on its significance; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota derives many benefits from its trees; protection of our soils and farmsteads; raw materials for our forest industries; cover for our wildlife; and beauty for our homes and communities; and,

WHEREAS, Trees and forests are a significant contributor to the quality of our natural environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby urge the citizens of our State, especially youth groups, to use this day to implement programs and activities that emphasize the planting of trees and their care and maintanance. I urge farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the various State and Federal programs for conservation tree plantings on their lands. I urge our community leaders to make recognition of the importance of trees to our cities and towns. By doing so, we can make a sound investment in the future of our Great State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 19th day of April, in the
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Seventy-Four.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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